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FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the attention of the Examiner:

A copy of a Canadian Office Action mailed in related Canadian Patent Application No. 2,396,963 on March 18, 2004 is enclosed, in which the following documents were cited:

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 831 624, which was published on March 25, 1998; and

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 513 527, which was published on November 19, 1992.

The relevancy of each document is described in the Canadian Office Action.

Applicant submits herewith copies of the two European patent application publications that were cited in the Canadian Office Action, as they are newly cited documents.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials

and cite the documents. The two European patent documents are attached hereto are listed on a PTO-1449 Form, which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the instant application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued, and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary to ensure consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p), to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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